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1. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY WALDHEIM'S QUICK ACTION IN MOVING UN FORCES FROM CYPRUS TO EGYPT AND HIS RESISTANCE TO USSR ATTEMPT TO STAMPEDE HIM INTO ACCEPTANCE OF 70 SOVIET OBSERVERS IN UNTSO. SINCE WALDHEIM IS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE UNDER CONTINUING SOVIET PRESSURE ON UNTSO AND UNEF MATTERS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP LEANING ON HIM FROM OUR SIDE AS WELL.

2. RE TEKOAH'S REMARKS ON ARMAMENT OF UNEF, PREVIOUS PEACEKEEPING FORCES HAVE ALL HAD LIGHT ARMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONNEL DEFENSE AND MOBILITY. UNEF WILL OBVIOUSLY
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NEED SAME. THIS MIGHT INCLUDE, BESIDE PERSONAL WEAPONS, MACHINE GUNS MOUNTED ON JEEPS OR ARMORED CARS, TEAR GAS, HAND GRENADES, HELICOPTERS, TRANSPORT AND RECON AIRCRAFT. WE DO NOT ENVISAGE FORCE UNDERTAKING OFFENSIVE ACTION.

3. RE TEKOA'S STRESS ON UNEF EXCLUSIVE DUTY TO ASSIST PARTIES, HE SHOULD RECALL THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ALSO HAS AN INTEREST IN MAINTENANCE OF CEASE-FIRE, AND THAT PARTIES HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCOMMODATE THEMSELVES TO THAT INTEREST. QUESTIONS AS TO NATIONALITY OF UNEF CONTINGENTS, FIXING OF CEASE-

FIRE LINES, ETC. WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT WITH THAT INTEREST AS WELL AS VIEWS OF PARTIES IN MIND.

4. CONFIRMING TELECONS, WHILE WE WOULD OF COURSE RATHER NOT HAVE ANY SOVIET AND US OBSERVERS, YOU MAY WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT FOR THEM WITH SYG IF NECESSARY. THESE SHOULD BE FEW IN NUMBER (PERHAPS 20 OFFICERS FROM EACH SIDE) AND SHOULD BE RECRUITED AND SERVE AT REQUEST OF SYG AND AS REGULAR UNTSO MEMBERS UNDER COMMAND OF UNTSO CHIEF OF STAFF.

5. RE UNEF YOU MAY IF NECESSARY AGREE TO ROMANIAN CONTINGENT. THIS SHOULD FACILITATE OUR GETTING ONE NATO CONTINGENT IN RETURN -- PERHAPS DANISH OR NORWEGIAN. (THEY HAVE STANDBY FORCES FOR SUCH A CONTINGENCY.) KISSINGER

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